

## ABSTRACT

A chain tensioner is provided which can prevent separation of the plunger.

In a cylinder chamber 12 of the housing 11, a plunger 13 and a spring 15 that biases the plunger 13 outwardly are mounted. The housing 11 is provided with an oil supply passage 17 communicating with a pressure chamber 16 formed in the cylinder chamber behind the plunger 13. A ring fitting groove 30 is formed in the outer periphery of the plunger 13 near its rear end. An elastic ring 31 is received in the ring fitting groove 30 in a radially compressed state. An engaging groove 32 is formed in the inner periphery of the cylinder 12 near its open end. By engaging the elastic ring 31 partially in the engaging groove 32 and partially in the ring fitting groove 30, it is possible to prevent separation of the plunger 13.